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For : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR CONNECTING THE FACES OF PARTS

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration during the examination of the instant application:

Applicant submits herewith a copy of the European Search Report (in German) dated July 6, 2004 conducted in European Patent Application No. 04450064.3. In particular the European Examiner cited:

(1) GB 1 324 431 is cited as an "X" category document (i.e., a document that is of particular relevance when considered alone). In particular, the European Examiner noted that the whole document is relevant to claims 1-9 of the European Application. This document is also cited as a "Y" category document (i.e., a document of particular

importance in conjunction with another publication of the same category). In particular, the European Examiner noted that the whole document is relevant to claims 10-12 of the European Application;

(2) GB 1 293 531 is cited as an "X" category document. In particular, the European Examiner noted that the whole document is relevant to claims 1-9 of the European Application. This document is also cited as a "A" category document (i.e., a document of technological background). In particular, the European Examiner noted that the whole document is relevant to claims 10-12 of the European Application;

(3) US 3,732,613 is cited as an "X" category document. In particular, the European Examiner noted that the whole document is relevant to claims 1-9 of the European Application. This document is also cited as a "A" category document. In particular, the European Examiner noted that the whole document is relevant to claims 10-12 of the European Application;

(4) US 6,357,506 is cited as an "X" category document. In particular, the European Examiner noted that the whole document is relevant to claims 1 and 7 of the European Application;

(5) US 3,564,703 is cited as a "Y" category document. In particular, the European Examiner noted that the whole document is relevant to claim 10 of the European Application;

(6) EP 0 920 948 is cited as a "Y" category document. In particular, the European Examiner noted that the whole document is relevant to claims 11 and 12 of the European Application;

(7) GB 1 481 215 is cited as an "X" category document. In particular, the European Examiner noted that the whole document is relevant to claims 7-9 of the European Application;

(8) US 6,029,727 is cited as a family member document of US 6,357,506; and

(9) US 6,105,849 is cited as a family member document of EP 0 920 948.

Applicant also submits herewith copies of the following documents for consideration by the Examiner:

(10) Soviet Union 1002120;

(11) English language translation of Soviet Union 1002120;

(12) Soviet Union 145120;

(13) English language translation of Soviet Union 145120;

(14) Soviet Union 329700;

(15) English language translation of Soviet Union 329700;

(16) Soviet Union 1098721;

(17) English language translation of Soviet Union 1098721;

(18) Pages 146-149 of 1987 Reference Book (in Russian) entitled Friction Welding;

and

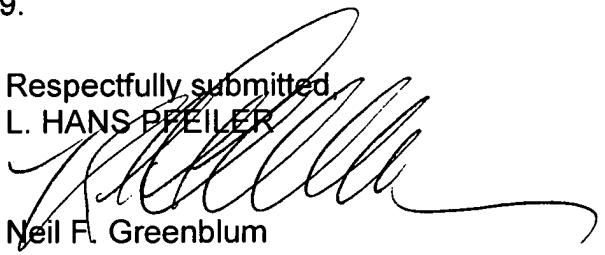
(19) English language translation of pages 146-149 of 1987 Reference Book (in Russian) entitled Friction Welding.

Copies of documents (1), (2), (6), (7) and (10) – (19) (as well as a copy of the European Search Report) are enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing all of the above-listed documents. However, copies of documents (3) - (5), (8) and (9) are not being provided because these documents are US patent documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider documents (1) - (19) and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form with the next official communication.

Applicant acknowledges that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (SIDS) is being filed after issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. However, Applicant submits that consideration is required because Applicant is herein providing the required fee.


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees concerning the application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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